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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT APPLICATION OF)
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SERIAL NO.:) Group Art Unit: 2112
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FILED: Feb. 15, 2000) Examiner:
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FOR: INVERTER BYPASS SAFETY SWITCH)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Entry of the following preliminary amendments is requested.

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Amended) An inverter bypass safety switch for rerouting electrical power either through or around an inverter drive during electrical disturbances and suitable to directly handle high power motor loads, said switch comprising one or more sections joined together [by throughbolts] to form a [substantially cylindrical] contact block having a central axis, a rotatable shaft disposed along the central axis, electrically conductive exterior interconnections for connecting selected stationary contacts, externally mounted electrical contacts for receiving electrical wires, and a handle mounted on one end of the shaft that can be turned by an operator, each section comprising:

a cam mounted on the shaft;

~~at least one [pair of] stationary contact[s] connected to~~